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Sir:

In response to the rejections in the Office action, dated December 30, 2002, issued in this application, please consider the following amendment and the remarks below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute and enter the following **clean** version of each of the following rewritten replacement paragraphs [0036], [0038], [0039], [0047] and [0054] for the respective originally filed paragraphs of the same number. Versions of these rewritten paragraphs, with bracketing and underlining to show the changes, appear at the end of the REMARKS section below.

--[0036] The rotary hammer includes a spindle 18 which is mounted for rotation within the hammer housing in a conventional manner. Also, a hollow piston 20 is located slideably within the rear of the spindle 18 in a conventional manner. The hollow piston 20 is reciprocated within the spindle 18 by a hammer drive arrangement as

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